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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

7. (New) A fuel injector for direct injection of fuel into a combination chamber of an internal combustion engine, the fuel injector comprising:

a nozzle body; and

at least one retaining flange situated on the nozzle body and projecting radially beyond the nozzle body, the at least one retaining flange having a working surface for a hold-down device and a seating surface for positioning on a cylinder head of the

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